

State Historical Records Advisory Board

Minutes

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) met on May 30, 2007, at 1 p.m. in the Board Room at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). Board members present were: Richard Belding, Coordinator; Barbara Teague, Deputy Coordinator; Mary Margaret Bell, Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS); Rebecca Ryder, University of Kentucky (UK); Sue Lynn McDaniel, Western Kentucky University (WKU); Dr. James Greene, Harlan Independent School District and Mary Winter, Citizen at Large. Also present was Connie Renfroe, Public Records Division Secretary. Not present was: Kent Whitworth, Kentucky Historical Society (KHS).

The minutes of February 21, 2007 were reviewed and a correction was made. The sentence that read "Belding said that all Executive state agencies were asked to contribute to a Wolf Creek Dam Action Plan agency which would be impacted Lake Cumberland" was changed to read "agency that could assist those impacted." Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ryder. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) information plan in discussing with the members of Congress about the renewal of NHPRC as oppose to having no funding. We have been getting updates from CoSA. What CoSA would like constituents to do is visit their local Congressional offices to discuss NHPRC. They will send us more specific instructions soon. The House budget markup will be sometime in June. Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada is supportive of records issues. CoSA requests that SHRAB members continue to contact members of Congress.

Teague gave an update on the Archives Week Coordinating Committee meeting. Themes for Archives Week are: 2007 "Leisure," 2008 "Government Records," 2009 "Abraham Lincoln," 2010 "Horses," 2011 "Civil War," and 2012 "War of 1812." Archives Week Coordinating Committee members will look at the website and Archives Week planning guide to see if there are any revisions to be made. Bell will draft a proclamation. Mary Winter and Lynne Hollingsworth plan to talk with Gretchen Haney, KHS, to see if she would be willing to design a poster. Plans are to contact the Commerce Cabinet and the Department of Tourism to develop postcards that are based on historical archives materials that could be marketed in the State

Parks. KCA will contribute \$500 towards the expenses of producing the poster. The Archives Week Coordinating Committee decided that this year the Thomas D. Clark Award would not be awarded to anyone; only Certificates of Merit would be awarded. Past recipients of the Thomas D. Clark Award are Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Dr. Lowell Harrison and Dr. James Klotter. Teague said that nominations are open for the Certificate of Merit and will be posted on the Archives Week website and that a notice will be placed in the KCA newsletter seeking nominations.

Teague gave an update on the NHPRC administrative grant. The 2006 grant was supposed to end March 31st, but an extension was requested until June 30th because there was money to transfer to Kentucky Educational Television (KET). The Society of American Archivists (SAA) workshop "Understanding Photographs: Introduction to Archival Principles and Practices" was held in St. Meinrad, Indiana on April 12-13, 2007. SHRAB paid \$100 for each of the nine Kentucky residents who participated. Plans for another SAA workshop sometime in the fall are in the works.

Belding and Teague met with Arthur Rouse, KET, about the production of the video. Rouse had highly complimented the script draft for the shorter video piece. Rouse will be contacting people around the state about different visual material that could be used in support of the first script. The longer video will show people using archival records and discussing their research in records, in addition to showcasing original materials.

The SHRAB reviewed the strategic plan and discussed the timeline for 2007-2012. The Board agreed that KCA should be contacted to see if KCA would be willing to compile a list of FAQs. Changes made to the strategic plan and timeline are attached.

Teague said that Appalshop received a partial NHPRC grant award for its "Television Preservation and Access Project." Appalshop received \$83,365 of the \$100,000 request. NHPRC decided not to fund the project's indirect costs.

Ryder announced that the National Digital Newspaper Program has been funded for another two years. The target collection is 1880-1910. Ryder also said that the American Library Association (ALA) will issue a press release announcing a new preservation award in honor of the late Dr. George Cunha and the late Susan Schwartzburg, both of whom were early pioneers in archival preservation. The award is going to spotlight an individual who is recognized as a

leader in fostering collaboration. The UK Library has entered a partnership with Keeneland Association to preserve a 111 years old archive of the daily racing forms and establishing a two year test bed to develop a methodology. The ALA will soon have an official definition - short, medium and long version of what digital preservation means. Ryder is involved in the task force that is coming out of the preservation and reformatting section of ALA. The task force is designing it specifically to go all the way to the way up to big level ALA so that when the ALA president is asked "what is digital preservation?" he knows it comes across as it is a series of managed tasks over time to ensure the content of permanent value. A draft is under review right now. ALA will take it to the Council in the summer for approval.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.